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TAGS: ELAB, OECD
SUBJECT: NOV. 9 COUNCIL MEETING: YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT

REF: STATE 267553

1. SUMMARY. COUNCIL MET NOV. 9 AND ADOPTED ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONFERENCE PROPOSED IN SECRETARY GENERAL'S NOTE C(77)176. COUNCIL DECISION WILL ALSO REFLECT COMPOSITION OF CONFERENCE BUREAU (PARA 5 BELOW). GREEK PERMREP SUGGESTED CONFERENCE BE EXPLICITLY CALLED A "MINISTERIAL", AND ALTHOUGH HE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT (EXCEPT FROM SECGEN), MATTER MAY AGAIN BE TAKEN UP AT NEXT COUNCIL (TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR NOV.24) WHEN CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE APPROVED. END SUMMARY

2. DRAFT AGENDA - ONE ISSUE INVOLVING DRAFT AGENDA CAME UNDER DISCUSSION. UNDER ITEM 5 "POLICY RESPONSES FOR REDUCING UNEMPLOYMENT OF YOUTH", SUB-ITEM (C) "IMPROVING ACCESS TO LABOR MARKET", IRELAND AND SPAIN
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WANTED TO ADD "DISTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES", E.G. WORK-SHARING. THIS PROPOSAL WAS ATTACKED BY SEVERAL DELS INCLUDING SCANDINAVIANS WHO SAID SUCH INCLUSION WOULD SIGNAL A RETREAT FROM FULL EMPLOYMENT GOAL. FRG ARGUED THAT SECGEN'S PROPOSAL IS SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO ALLOW MINISTERS TO MAKE ANY POINTS THEY DESIRE. SPAIN AND IRELAND RELUCTANTLY WITHDREW

THEIR PROPOSAL.

3. LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION - OBSERVING THAT SOME 16 COUNTRIES HAVE ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO SEND MINISTERS, GREEK DEL ASKED THAT CONFERENCE BE CALLED A "MINISTERIAL" TO REFLECT THE REALITY. (AUSTRALIA SAID IT COULD NOT SEND A MINISTER BECAUSE OF DEC. 10 ELECTION; THE FRG, AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND STILL DO NOT INTEND, APPARENTLY, TO SEND MINISTERS.) SEVERAL DELS EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR GREEK QUANDRY BUT PREFERRED NOT TO REOPEN ISSUE OF TITLE -- WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN EXTENSIVELY DEBATED AND TO MAINTAIN EXISTING TITLE. US DEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT AS MANY MINISTERS WHO CAN WILL ATTEND AND CONCURRED WITH MAJORITY TO RETAIN ORIGINAL TITLE. VAN LENNEP SAID COUNCIL COULD RETURN TO ISSUE NOV. 24 WHEN IT WILL REVIEW CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS.

4. CONSULTATIONS - GASS ANNOUNCED THAT BIAC/TUAC CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD SEPARATELY: TUAC IN THE AM AND BIAC IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 14.

5. CONFERENCE BUREAU - THE COUNCIL AGREED ON THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE BUREAU: CHAIRMAN, SECRETARY RAY MARSHALL; CHAIRPERSONS: MRS. TINA ANSELM, ITALY; MR. LEIF AUNE, NORWAY; MR. H. ISHIDA, JAPAN; MR. GUY
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SPITAELS, BELGIUM. MISSION IS SENDING BIODATA ON
BUREAU MEMBERS IN SEPTEL.

6. PUBLICITY - UK PERMREP EXPRESSED CONCERN HE HAS
EARLIER EXPRESSED THAT OFFICIAL PUBLICITY BEFORE THE
CONFERENCE TAKE ACCOUNT OF PROBABILITY THAT CONCRETE
RESULTS OF CONFERENCE MAY NOT BE READILY APPARENT TO
PRESS. HE SAID HE DID NOT ENVY SECRETARY MARSHALL
THE TASK OF HOLDING A POST-CONFERENCE PRESS CONFERENCE.

7. COMMUNIQUE - SECGEN NOTE C(77)176 SPOKE OF CONVEN-
ING DRAFTING GROUP FOR COMMUNIQUE ON DECEMBER 13.
THIS SEEMED TO MANY PERMREPS TO BE EITHER TOO LATE OR
TOO EARLY. CONSENSUS WAS THAT WORK ON THIS DRAFT
SHOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY. GASS SAID COMMUNIQUE WILL
BE READY "EARLY" FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION, AND WILL
ALSO BE READY FOR DRAFTING GROUP WHICH COULD MEET
JUST PRIOR TO CONFERENCE.

8. CONFERENCE OBSERVERS - GASS SAID IN ACCORDANCE WITH
OECD PAST PRACTICE AND AS WAS CASE DURING 1976 LABOR
MINISTERIAL, THE EC, COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND ILO WOULD
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SEND OBSERVERS. THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION.
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